

House Resolution 1668

By: Representative Coan of the 101<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Wayne Shackelford and dedicating an interchange in his honor; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Wayne Shackelford is a native of Carroll County, Georgia, where he  
4 attended the public schools; and

5 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Berry College and  
6 went on to graduate work at the University of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1991, he was named by the State Transportation Board as the Commissioner  
8 of the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

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10 WHEREAS, as commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, he played an  
11 important role in the transportation, well-being, and quality of life of all Georgians; and

12 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Georgia Department of Transportation completed the  
13 Commuter Rail Study in 1995 and the Intercity Rail Study in 1997; and he preserved  
14 essential freight rail corridors by acquiring ten rail lines totaling 281 miles and rehabilitating  
15 12 rail lines totaling 251 miles; and

16 WHEREAS, he fostered the development of the most comprehensive traffic and incident  
17 management system in the world in time for the Centennial Olympic Games; and

18 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the development of a unified transportation system in  
19 counties for nonemergency medical transportation as well as playing a key role in the  
20 purchase of transit coaches and bus related facilities for Georgia's major transit systems; and

1 WHEREAS, he challenged Georgia DOT personnel to reduce their single occupancy vehicle  
2 commute rate in the metropolitan Atlanta area by 20 percent for the entire smog season, and  
3 those employees surpassed their goal two years in a row; and

4 WHEREAS, his service as chairman of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America,  
5 chairman of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board, and president  
6 of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the  
7 Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials gave Georgia great  
8 respect in the U.S. Congress and in the executive branch, and Georgia benefited financially  
9 therefrom; and

10 WHEREAS, given his many contributions to the State of Georgia it is the desire of the  
11 General Assembly to find a concrete expression for its gratitude, and it is only fitting and  
12 proper that he be recognized for his outstanding accomplishments and dedication in serving  
13 the citizens of our great state.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 GEORGIA that the members thereof commend Mr. Wayne Shackelford for his admirable  
16 devotion to the Georgia Department of Transportation and for his significant contributions  
17 to the continuing progress of our state.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interchange at I-85 and SR 316, in Gwinnett County,  
19 Georgia, is dedicated as the Wayne Shackelford Interchange.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
21 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in this  
22 resolution.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Wayne Shackelford in recognition  
25 of his leadership and outstanding contributions to the State of Georgia and to the Department  
26 of Transportation.